MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): When a school develops into a High School, by opening all the required classes, Government give a grant generally of Rs. 30. Those two schools which came into the field were not given an enhanced grant as they came into existence only late. Now, a recommendation has been made by the Director of Ayurveda on that subject.

MR. N. KUMARAN (*Nominated*): May I know whether the system of giving grants depends upon the lateness in coming into the field or the opening of all classes?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): If all the classes are opened, additional grants are sanctioned. It also depends upon the nature of the instruction given there.

Report of the Irrigation Officer for Tiruvalla Taluk.

176. **MR. G. NARAYANA PILLAI** (*Tiruvalla*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the report of the Special Officer deputed for investigation of the irrigational facilities of the Tiruvalla taluk has come up to the Government for orders; and

(*b*) if so, whether they have approved of any of his proposals, and, if so, which?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) No such report, by taluks, is expected from the Special Officer, who has been deputed for investigating the irrigation facilities of the Kottayam P. W. D. Division as a whole, as in the other P. W. D. Divisions. His duty is to investigate the irrigation sources and prepare estimates, wherever necessary, and submit them to the Executive Engineer, who will, after inspection of the locality, scrutinise and forward them to the Chief Engineer. The Chief Engineer will examine and forward them to the Government for sanction.

(*b*) This does not arise.

Appointments in the Account Office.

177. **MR. M. N. PILLAI** (*Trivandrum*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) if the work in the Account Office is more efficiently done by the substitution of an extra Superintendent for an Assistant Account Officer now (April 1927) on leave;

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, why this form of retrenchment was not effected ere this;

(*c*) whether such shortening of vacancies is not a real grievance to the legitimate claimants for the post and what action the Government propose to take for redressing it; and

(*d*) whether this cutting down of the normal strength of the Account Office has anything to do with the getting down of comptometers recently?

MR. K. N. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Financial Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) The work was managed in an efficient manner during this temporary period.

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[Mr. K. N. Ramasubba Aiyar.]

(*b*) This does not arise.

(*c*) The Government do not consider that their not having filled up the temporary vacancy of an Assistant Account Officer was a legitimate grievance to anyone in the service.

(*d*) No. The comptometer is merely a calculating machine which enables arithmetical calculations to be made with great speed and accuracy

Mr. Chacko, Superintendent, Stamp Manufactory and Mint.

178. **MR. M. N. PILLAI** (*Trivandrum*) : (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state :

(i) whether, at the time of the appointment of Mr. P. O. Chacko as the Superintendent of the Stamp Manufactory and Mint, the Government have stated in answer to my question No. 423, published at page 1205 of Vol. IV of the Council Proceedings, that the appointment of Mr. Chacko as Superintendent was only a temporary one, carrying a minimum salary of Rs. 150 and that the Superintendents of the Huzur and the Account Office were drawing a higher salary ;

(ii) the pay of Mr. Chacko at the time of his appointment as Superintendent of the Stamp Manufactory in Edavam 1099 ;

(iii) his present pay and allowance ;

(iv) whether he has been made *sub-protem*, and if so, when ;

(v) whether he has been made Provisional Superintendent, and, if so, the date of the order ;

(vi) whether by his appointment as Provisional Superintendent he has not superseded the Superintendents in the Huzur and the Account Office who were getting a pay of Rs. 150 and above in 1099 ;

(vii) the justification for making Mr. Chacko, Provisional Superintendent ;

(viii) when the post of Superintendent, Stamp Manufactory, fell permanently vacant ; and

(ix) whether they are aware that there are several complaints against Mr. Chacko for his partiality towards Christian employees and his doing injustice towards non-Christians in the Stamp Manufactory and Mint and that he has created much disaffection amongst the employees ?

(*b*) How many joint petitions about him have the employés sent to the Government and the Financial Secretary, within a short period of two years ?

(*c*) With reference to the allegations levelled against the Superintendent by his subordinates, will the Government be pleased to state :

(i) whether they enquired into the complaints as promised in the answer to my question No. 213 (*a*), published at page 694 of Vol. VIII of the Council Proceedings ;

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